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Put Pressure on Reds

WASHINGTON — President Johnson is being urged to use Red China's latest aggression against India to undertake a penetrating probe of Soviet aims, relations and policies.

Top military, intelligence and congressional advisers are proposing that bold and explicit overtures be initiated for the purpose of unmasking the Kremlin's true attitude and thinking on two matters of supremest moment to the security of the U.S. and the peace of the world:

The exact state of relations between Moscow and Peiping; whether their rancorous public wrangling is merely ideological shadow-boxing or symptomatic of deep-rooted national, territorial, racial and other rivalries and conflicts.

Russia's real objectives in Asia, particularly in India and other strategic Southeast Asian countries.

AFTER 'EM!

Foremost among the advocates of this extraordinary plan, according to White House insiders, are Central Intelligence Director William Raborn, members of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and Sen. Thomas Dodd, D-Conn., outspoken member of the Foreign Relations Committee.

In the President's inner councils, they are stressing two points:

(1) If there is a genuine split between the Soviet and Red China, now is the time to bring it into the open and make the most of it. (2) If the Kremlin rulers sincerely desire to bar China from dominating Asia,

they should be willing to join the U.S. in compelling Peiping to halt any further armed pressure against India.

While there have been intense backstage discussions of this proposed "diplomatic initiative," it is still highly conjectural what will be done about it—if anything.

RELY ON U.N.

Primary reason for this doubtful outlook is vehement State Department opposition.

Secretary Rusk, Ambassador-at-Large Averell Harriman (who fancies himself a uniquely endowed Russian expert) and McGeorge Bundy, special White House foreign affairs adviser, are exerting their utmost efforts against the daring, bare-knuckle plan.

While favoring "close diplomatic cooperation" with the Soviet, the State Department group is not only strongly opposed to joint military pressure against Red China, but even to sounding out the Kremlin on such action.

Instead, they are insisting that everything be left in the hands of the United Nations.

This course is drawing sharp fire from the Raborn-Dodd-military group. They are pointing out that the policy of "leaving it up to the UN" already has been costly to this country in Turkey and Iran — where the U.S. has spent billions in economic and military aid and where marked coolness now prevails towards the U.S.

Turkey and Iran are supporting Pakistan.

DOUBLE OFFENSIVE

—In talks with the President, advocates of the plan have pro-

posed two formulas for joint U.S.- Russian pressure against Red China.

One envisions a series of Soviet military probes in disputed Sino-Soviet border areas. The other calls for Russia and the European satellites, particularly Czechoslovakia and Poland, cutting off all oil and military-potential shipments to China.

Under both proposals, the U.S. would exert pressure on Communist China in "limited air and naval action."

Also, the U. S. and Russia would withhold sending arms and other combat supplies to India, thus further implementing the cease-fire between the latter and Peiping - supported Pakistan.

Prime Minister Shastri's secrecy-shrouded trip to Moscow last month, shortly before the outbreak of hostilities with Pakistan, is still a mystery to U.S. authorities.

Neither intelligence nor diplomatic sources have produced substantial information. The Indian leader has refused to discuss his talks with the Kremlin rulers, and they have even been more uncommunicative.

Significantly, most of the military equipment Russia has given India was used in the Pakistan fighting. Little of it is in the hands of Indian forces on the threatened Chinese border.

LIVING IT UP

UN Ambassador Arthur Goldberg apparently has inflated

ideas of his importance and mode of living due him. The one-time Supreme Court justice wants a limousine and chauffeur assigned to him in Washington as well as in New York; this is, two autos and drivers for his exclusive use. Rep. John Rooney, D-N.Y., chairman of the house appropriations subcommittee in charge of the State Department budget strongly disagrees with these expensive tastes. A vigorous economizer, Rooney has sent word to Secretary Rusk that when Goldberg comes to Washington, he can use one of the State Department's pool autos as other transient VIPs do . . . U.S. combat forces in Viet Nam are pondering the whereabouts of the 325th North Viet Nam Infantry Division, which was very active several months ago. Elements of this Communist division were badly mauled by the U.S. Marines in a series of engagements in August, and since then there have been no contacts with this North Viet Nam unit. U.S. intelligence believes it is still in South Viet Nam; probably undergoing reorganization and refitting to replace heavy losses . . . Brazil's President Castelo Branco plans to reshuffle his cabinet following the gubernatorial elections in 11 states next month. Slated to be replaced are Education Minister Suplicy de Lacerda, Public Works Minister Juarez Tavora, Agriculture Minister Hugo Leme, and Foreign Minister Leitao da Cunha.

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